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MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership dues in The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is $3.00 per calendar year and should be sent to our Secretary-Treasurer:

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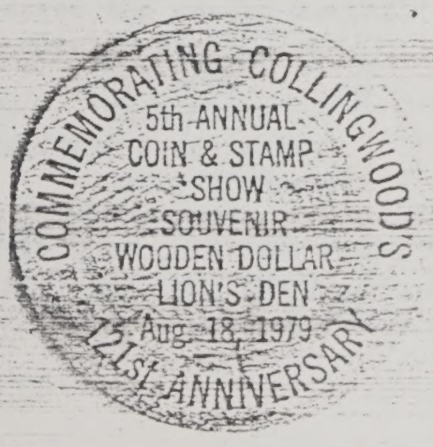
CAWMC ELECTION: The minutes of our annual meeting are published later in this issue of Timber Talk, however we have a problem. When I typed out the ballots I checked and re-checked the names on the ballots, printed and mailed them and then went to Vancouver to work for a week. When I returned home I again looked at the ballots and discovered that one name was missing from those candidates for the Board of Governors. It was that of George Parfet, CAWMC Member # C-3, who has been on the Board of Governors since the beginning of the club and has done much for us. I phoned George and apologized to him and then at the meeting in Edmonton I recommended that we accept the winning candidates for all positions EXCEPT for the Board of Governors and that we have a second mail ballot for the Board of Governors and include George's name. The motion passed unanimously and thus you will find a Ballot and addressed envelope included with this issue of Timber Talk. Don Robb volunteered to receive the Ballots and arrange for their counting. The printing of the Ballots and the cost of the envelopes I have supplied. Again my apologies George and to the other members of the CAWMC.

EDITOR: Again this issue of Timber Talk is late. I have had a hectic summer. For the past month I have either been on the road or have had to work in the office alone. In addition my business partner has been posted to Jamaica for two years and I now must look after our affairs as well as his house in Calgary. You can be sure that no issues of Timber Talk will be missed. Friend Scoop Lewry from Moose Jaw has accepted the invitation to be guest Editor for the next issue. I am sure it will be very interesting - and look for a surprise. Also, effective with the October issue of Timber Talk, a member of CAWMC with considerable newsletter experience has agreed to take over the editorship. More on this later.

NEW WOOD: Below are some new woods that were seen around the Convention. More details in a future issue of Timber Talk.



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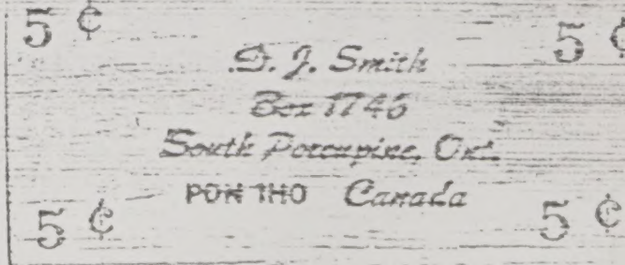

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

The Annual General Meeting of The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors was held in the Klondike B Room, Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton, Alberta on July 21, 1979.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Don Robb at 1440 hours with Neil Probert acting as secretary.

Everyone present introduced themselves and their home town and were requested to sign the guest book. There were 15 members and 7 guests present.

Garry Braunwarth handed out Certificates of Appreciation to club members who have supported the club since its inception. He apologized for any members that may have been overlooked. The following Certificates were presented:

Norm Wells - for his two catalogues on wood, articles in Timber Talk, and in Canadian Coin News

Bruce Watt - for serving as the club's first Secretary-Treasurer since its formation and as auction chairman

Don Smith - for designing the club logo and serving two terms on the Board of Governors

Ed Parker - for the best article published in Timber Talk in the first five years

George Parfet - for distributing the wooden membership certificates and serving on the Board of Governors since the club was formed

Scott McLaren - for his continual promotion of wooden money in Canadian Coin News

Thomas B. Hudson - for his books on wood, the only regular column appearing in Timber Talk, and frequent articles in Timber Talk

Victor B. Hall - for his support as co-founder and second President of The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors

John Curtis - for the first comprehensive listing of Canadian wood

Garry Braunwarth - for his support as co-founder, first President, and Editor of Timber Talk since the formation of the club

Garry Braunwarth then said a few words regarding the election. Ballots were sent to all paid up members of the club, but unfortunately the name of George Parfet was missing as a candidate for the Board of Governors. There was a general discussion on the matter. Geoff Bell made a motion to accept the results of the election for the first four positions of the executive and a second ballot for Board of Governors be sent out with the next issue of Timber Talk. Mrs. Honor Prince seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Garry had apologized for the error and suggested the second ballot. The first four positions of the new executive declared elected are:

PRESIDENT - Don Robb
VICE-PRESIDENT - Stan Clute
SECRETARY-TREASURER- Bruce Watt
EDITOR - Garry Braunwarth

On behalf of Vic Hall who could not attend the Convention, Garry Braunwarth welcomed the new executive and read the President's Farewell Message (attached).

Don Robb expressed his pleasure at being elected President, thanked the members and asked for their continued support. He then thanked the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Coin Club for their hospitality in hosting the 1979 CNA Convention.

Garry Braunwarth explained to those present that he is currently looking for a new Editor of Timber Talk. Garry has been Editor since the club was formed and he would like to see someone else get involved. Beginning in August there will be guest Editors helping out and he hoped this would continue until a new Editor is found.

Don Robb spoke briefly regarding the annual dues. Garry Braunwarth mentioned the rising costs of publishing Timber Talk with the current membership of about 170. There was a general discussion on the matter. Postage is currently $2.04 per member per year and printing is $1.20. Frank Harding then made a motion to raise the annual dues of CAWMC from the current $3.00 per calendar year to $5.00. Seconded by Reg Smith, the motion was carried.

Jim Charlton said a few words about the 1980 CNA Convention in Montreal, Quebec to be held July 23-27, 1980 and invited all the members of CAWMC to attend.

There was a general discussion regarding restrikes of wood. The government cannot do anything about it as long as the wood is not legal tender. At the 1977 CNA Convention in Vancouver a motion was passed condemming restrikes and letters were sent to all know wood manufactures and agents in North America. suggestion was made that we boycott some manufactures who produce restrikes, however, many manufactures may contract out to those we boycott so the boycott may not be effective. For t he time-being it was left up to the members which manufactures they choose.

Don Robb stated that the matter had been brought up that we hold another auction to raise money for the club. In a future issue of Timber Talk an announcement will be made regarding the auction, with requests for material, both donation and on consignment. Don Rob volunteered to conduct the auction.

Scoop Lewry and Don Robb both distributed their new wood to those present.

The meeting was adjorned at 1520 hours.

signed: Neil Probert, Acting Secretary

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

I deeply regret that this message must be read to you today as I would much rather be here with you to renew acquaintances, conduct our business, and hand over the leadership to our new President-elect.

I will never forget the CNA in London last year when 25 of our members gathered for an event which turned out to be the highlight of my years in collecting wooden money. I will never forget the scene in Garry Braunwarth's hotel room on Sunday:- there was enough wood in there to build 4 log cabins! Then late Sunday afternoon Gary Littrell headed for the bus depot to catch the Greyhound for Texas, George Parfet climbed in his car with his lovely wife and headed back to Pennsylvania, while many others went to the airport to fly home to various cities all across Canada and the U. S. A. Yours truly walked home, only 1 mile, but on that day it was a long mile.

I wish success to the new slate of officers. With the continued support of the membership, CAWMC will stay strong. I urge all members to continue their support in the reporting of new Canadian wood issues, and for any information for the betterment of our hobby. We must remember that a club is only as strong as its membership.

In my last few moments as the Second President of The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, I thant you all for your friendship and co-operation which I have received.

And now ladies and gentlemen, farewell, but not goodbye.

signed: Vic Hall

ODDS AND ENDS ABOUT THE CONVENTION: As with any convention some people can only attend it for a day or two, while others can be seen from the opening moments until the last person bids farewell. During the CNA Convention I spotted the following members of CAWMC around the hotel: Don Smith, Reg, Smith, Norm Williams, Jim Betton (from California), J. Douglas Ferguson, Les Copan, Jim Charlton, Mark Mogen, Mrs. Honor Prince, Ted Oulds, Stan Clute, Frank Harding, Neil Probert, Don Robb, Ann Szalavary, Scott McLaren, Scoop Lewry, Don Stewart, Geoff Bell (from Moncton, New Brunswick), Paul Johnson, Garry Braunwarth. And at that I probably missed a few.

During the convention they arranged a Ukaranian smorgasboard at the Saxony Motor Inn. The meal was delicious, but the real surprise came when the staff handed out their wooden nickels they issued a few years back. This reminded me of a meal a number of us wood collectors went to in Columbus, Ohio a few years back and they their wood beside the cash register. The original (not the restrike-unauthorized) is black and it is pictured below:

I would be remiss if I did thank the Edmonton Coin Club and the Klondike Days Committee for the continual Klondike flavor interjected throughout the convention. The Convention was held when Edmonton's annual Klondike Days opened, and everyone enjoyed all the festivities.

******** WATCH FOR "SCOOP" NEXT MONTH ********